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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): GAS REPLACEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUSBy (Inventors): Tatsuo SATO

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-8; 8 sheets) are attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is filed herewith.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.--  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 11-350851 filed December 9, 1999 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.  
☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	35 - 20	= 15
INDEP CLAIMS	12 - 3	= 9
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## SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 355
x 9 =	\$
x 40 =	\$
+ 135 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

OTHER THAN A  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 710
x 18	\$ 270
x 80	\$ 720
+ 270	\$
TOTAL	\$1,700

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